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Council Report

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Nearly 9,000 skaters have enjoyed the public skating sessions at Riverside Skating Center, and there have been 20 private group rentals scheduled to date. The rink was closed a few days due to dangerous wind chill readings. Group ice skating lessons were enjoyed by 49 children, and the one-day learn-to-skate clinic had 42 participants. The popular "Dare to Bear" swimsuit skating event is February 7, 7-8:30 pm.

A new bird identification visual aid system was installed in Lilly Nature Center's indoor bird viewing area thanks to donations from the Happy Hollow Garden Club and a local couple.

Equipment to enable people with hearing devices to more fully participate in activities in Lilly Nature Center was also installed. A "looping system" in the conference room takes sound directly from a microphone, or other sound source, and the sound is transmitted wirelessly to hearing aids equipped with a telecoil (a feature that a majority of hearing aids already have). CBDG (Community Development Block Grant) Funds were used for the equipment.

Registering for winter/spring recreational classes and programs (opportunities are still available), reserving shelters (in Cumberland or Happy Hollow Parks), or renting meeting rooms (in Lilly Nature, Morton Community, or Riverside Skating Centers) are available by calling 775-5110 or 775-5120 or visiting www.wl.in.gov/parks.

The next Park Board meeting will be February 24 at 4:30 PM in the Parks & Recreation Office, 1101 Kalberer Road.

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